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2002 Allen G. Ogden Award Winners

AFLOAT CRASH AND SALVAGE

LARGE ENTRIES

USS WASP LHD-1	WINNER
USS BOXER LHD-4	1ST RUNNER-UP
USS KEARSARGE LHD-3	2ND RUNNER-UP

SMALL ENTRIES

USS CLEVELAND LPD-7	WINNER

CARRIER ENTRIES

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN CVN-72	WINNER/ OVERALL
USS CONSTELLATION CV-64	1ST RUNNER-UP
USS HARRY S. TRUMAN CVN-75	2ND RUNNER-UP

AFLOAT DAMAGE CONTROL ENTRIES

LARGE ENTRIES

USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN CVN-72	WINNER/OVERALL

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Crash Rescue Firefighter of the Year (USN) *JAMES D. MALONEY AWARD*-ABH3 MICHAEL P. SANTIESBAN - USS PELELIU LHA-5

Fire Training Inst. Of the Year *WILLIAM "DENNIS" CURRY AWARD*-ABHC DAVID BASULTO, NATTC PENSACOLA

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OGDEN AWARDS COMPETITION UPDATE

- Ogden awards competition has been suspended due to lack of funding by the US Navy & Marine Corps Fire Protection Association for approximately one year.
- However commands can submit their personnel in the DoD FES & ARFF Shore/Sea based Firefighter of the year competition, hosted by DoD Fire and Emergency Services.

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NATOPS Manuals

NATOPS ARFF Manuals were completed 19 September 2003. Thanks for all the change recommendations and to all personnel who attended making this conference a success. Updated manuals are tentatively scheduled to come out in FY05. Forthcoming, CD-Rom's will be issued of updated changes to TYCOM's for verif

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Questions from the Fleet

- *"Are we authorized to change out our 2 1/2 inch hangar deck AFFF hoses to the 1 3/4 hoses since the rest of the ship has done so already?"*

Answer: Yes. MSG DTG R 020523 Z JUN 03, States this message authorizes but does not require, Ship's Force conversion to the 1.75 inch soft hose with 1.5 inch couplings for hangar bay AFFF hose stations on CV/CVN only. For proper installation please refer to the message.

- *"Are there any requirements to have salt water hoses on stations on the flight deck?"*

Answer: Yes. NAVSEA O5P6, States requirement for flight deck hoses has not changed. 2.5 inch seawater hoses are required for ordnance cooling after the fire is extinguished and for providing fire protection when in port. 2.5 inch seawater hoses for flight deck service should be retained at their original locations so as to be ready for use. If the hose is not connected to the hose valve, the hose valve outlet shall be capped with a hose cap.

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2004 ABMA SYMPOSIUM

The San Diego Chapter has been hard at work preparing for the 2004 ABMA Symposium. The Westin Hotel Downtown Horton Plaza has been selected and contracted for as the Host Hotel. The Symposium Dates are 27 July thru 1 August 2004 Rooms have been blocked from 24 July thru 1 August 2004 the Hotel will also extend these rates from 3 days in advance and 3 days after the booked dates for those who want to come early or stay late. Room Rates:Regular room single or double occupancy= $99.00 Deluxe room single or double occupancy= $119.00
Reservations can be made by dialing (619) 239-2200
We Are looking forward to hosting all our fellow ABs, their families and our #1 vendors here in San Diego. If there is any additional information required please feel free to call Bill and Rosemary Wagner @ (619) 276-1184 or (619) 855-1524 or by Email @ daddywags703@aol.com

For more information log onto the ABMA website at : http://www.abma-usn.org and look for keyword “Symposium”. You can also email the Pax River chapter at paxriverabma@hotmail.com.

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